

CLAIMS

1. (*CURRENTLY AMENDED*) A method for generating a reference transmission signal for use in testing a communications system, comprising:

capturing a data packet transmission signal containing a plurality of reference data;

digitizing said data packet transmission signal;

retrieving at least a selected portion of said plurality of reference data from said digitized data packet transmission signal to produce a plurality of retrieved data;

modulating a carrier signal with said plurality of retrieved data to produce a digital transmission signal; and

storing said digital transmission signal following said modulating of said carrier signal and prior to a use of said digital transmission signal in producing said reference transmission signal for transmission and ~~demodulation~~. demodulation;

retrieving said stored digital transmission signal; and

frequency up-converting said retrieved digital transmission signal to produce said reference transmission signal.

2. (*ORIGINAL*) The method of claim 1, wherein said capturing a data packet transmission signal containing a plurality of reference data comprises receiving said data packet transmission signal as an analog signal.

3. (*ORIGINAL*) The method of claim 1, wherein said capturing a data packet transmission signal containing a plurality of reference data comprises receiving said data packet transmission signal as a wireless signal.

4. (*ORIGINAL*) The method of claim 1, wherein said capturing a data packet transmission signal containing a plurality of reference data comprises receiving said data packet transmission signal as a wired signal.

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5. *(ORIGINAL)* The method of claim 1, wherein said retrieving at least a selected portion of said plurality of reference data from said digitized data packet transmission signal to produce a plurality of retrieved data comprises demodulating at least a selected portion of said digitized data packet transmission signal to produce a plurality of demodulated data.

6. *(ORIGINAL)* The method of claim 1, wherein said retrieving at least a selected portion of said plurality of reference data from said digitized data packet transmission signal to produce a plurality of retrieved data comprises decoding at least a selected portion of said digitized data packet transmission signal to produce a plurality of decoded data.

7. *(ORIGINAL)* The method of claim 1, wherein said modulating a carrier signal with said plurality of retrieved data to produce a digital transmission signal comprises encoding said carrier signal with said plurality of retrieved data.

8. *(ORIGINAL)* The method of claim 1, wherein said storing said digital transmission signal comprises storing said digital transmission signal in memory.

9. *(PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)* The method of claim 1, further comprising modifying one or more selected bits of said plurality of retrieved data prior to said modulating a carrier signal with said plurality of retrieved data to produce said digital transmission signal.

10. *(CANCELED)*

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12. *(CURRENTLY AMENDED)* An apparatus including circuitry for generating a reference transmission signal for use in testing a communications system, comprising:
signal capture means for capturing a data packet transmission signal containing a plurality of reference data;
digitizer means for digitizing said data packet transmission signal;

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first data retrieval means for retrieving at least a selected portion of said plurality of reference data from said digitized data packet transmission signal to produce a plurality of retrieved data;

signal modulator means for modulating a carrier signal with said plurality of retrieved data to produce a digital transmission signal; and

storage means for storing said digital transmission signal following said modulating of said carrier signal and prior to a use of said digital transmission signal in producing said reference transmission signal for transmission and ~~demodulation~~; demodulation;

second data retrieval means for retrieving said stored digital transmission signal; and

frequency conversion means for frequency up-converting said retrieved digital transmission signal to produce said reference transmission signal.

13. (*ORIGINAL*) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising data modifier means for modifying one or more selected bits of said plurality of retrieved data prior to said modulation of a carrier signal with said plurality of retrieved data to produce a digital transmission signal.

14. (*CANCELED*)

15. (*CANCELED*)